

**Governor's Advisory Council on Aging
Short List of Legislation Tracked**

H2021: adult protective services; information online

Requires the Adult Protective Services Registry of substantiated reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults, be available on-line and specifies that reports be maintained for 25 years rather than 10 years. The Registry must contain the name and date of birth of the person determined to have abused, neglected or exploited the vulnerable adult, the nature of the allegation made and the date and description of the disposition of the allegation.

Provisions state that Adult Protective Services is not required to evaluate a report on a person who is incarcerated or concerning a patient in the Arizona state hospital. Specifies that the information contained in the Registry must be available on-line. Requires reports be maintained for 25 years rather than 10 years after the date of entry.

4/1 Signed by the Governor. Chapter 183, Laws 2015.

H2170: lifespan respite care program; appropriation

Appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund in Fiscal Year 2016 to the Department of Economic Security (DES) for the Lifespan Respite Care Program. Deletes the Program termination date.

3/4 House Committee of the Whole approved with amendment #4527 and floor amendment #4653.

H2171: lifespan respite care; program termination

Eliminates the provision of the law relating to the termination of the Lifespan Respite Care Program. Clarifies that the respite program is for primary caregivers of individuals who do not currently receive other publicly funded respite services.

3/16 Referred to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee

H2492: AHCCCS coverage; ALTCS; medical services

Mandates AHCCCS contractors provide coverage for podiatry services performed by a podiatrist, emergency dental care and extractions for persons over 21, orthotic devices and chiropractic services when ordered by a physician and emergency and preventive dental services for individuals on the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) program.

2/11 From House Health Committee with do pass.

H2626: Arizona silver haired legislature

Establishes the Arizona Silver Haired Legislature, a nonpartisan panel consisting of Arizona citizens who are at least 60 years of age and who are elected by their peers to identify and discuss policy issues and annually submit its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. The panel terminates on July 1, 2023. Appropriates \$60,000 from the general fund in FY2015-2016 to the panel.

2/12 referred to the House Government & Higher Education Committee.

S1136: nursing facility assessment; continuation

Continues the nursing facility assessment for eight years and makes various changes relating to the nursing facility assessment. Allows the Director of AHCCCS to revoke or suspend a nursing facility's AHCCCS provider agreement registration if the full assessment amount is not paid on time. Specifies that if the Director of AHCCCS suspends or revokes a provider agreement registration and the nursing facility does not comply within 180 days, the Director is required to notify the Director of ADHS. Requires the Director of ADHS to suspend or revoke a nursing facility's license if they have been notified of a nursing facility noncompliance with AHCCCS. Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a nursing facility located outside the state may not receive adjustment payments.

3/23 signed by the Governor. Chapter 39, Laws 2015.

S1194: medically underserved areas; loan repayment

Expands the types of medical professions that can participate in the Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program and the Rural Private Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program. Link to Senate fact sheet as enacted [HERE](#)
2/24 Signed by the Governor. Chapter 3, Laws 2015.

S1282: teledentistry; dental hygienists; dental assistants

Creates expanded function dental assistants (EFDA), provides for teledentistry and modifies statute relating to affiliated practice relationships (APR). House summary as transmitted to the Governor [HERE](#)
4/6 Signed by the Governor. Chapter 196, Laws 2015.

S1401: home care services; disclosure

Outlines reporting requirements relating to a business entity that provides home care services in this state. Requires a business entity that provides home care services in this state to annually disclose to its clients all of the following:

- a. Whether employees and contractors have had criminal background checks performed and the entity's policy on sending personnel with criminal records to a client's house;
- b. The name and position of the person with day-to-day management responsibilities relating to the provision of home care services;
- c. A description of any mandatory training for employees and contractors and whether the training includes first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- d. A description of the types and costs of home care services provided; and
- e. A description of the entity's home care services agreements and procedures on how an agreement may be terminated.

Specifies that the disclosure requirements do not apply to the following:

- a. A volunteer organization, person or family member who provides home care services for one or more persons and does not receive compensation or monetary benefit for the volunteer organization;
- b. An organization or individual that is licensed in this state to provide home care services or related services; or
- c. An individual or organization that is contracted with this state to provide services on behalf of the state or federal government.

Defines home care services.

4/1 Signed by the Governor. Chapter 181, Laws 2015.

S1404: health care directives; conflicts

Presumes that a health care directive, the decision of the patient's agent or surrogate represents the decision of the patient if there is a conflict with a provider's order. Specifies that a health care directive, the decision of the patient's agent or surrogate represents the decision of the patient if there is a conflict with the provider's order.

4/1 Signed by the Governor. Chapter 182, Laws 2015.